Total number of LPG customers would reach 16 crore with most of the new connections being released in rural areas.

Focus would be on areas where LPG coverage is low.

Reduction in prices of petrol and diesel

†3285. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of petrol and diesel in the country have been reduced several times between July, 2008 and July, 2009;

(b) if so, on which occasions and the amount of reduction; and

(c) the maximum and minimum consumer sale prices of petrol and diesel during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) In view of the decline in the international oil prices, Government has reduced the Retail Selling Prices (RSPs) of Petrol and Diesel on two occasions between July 2008 and July 2009. On 6.12.2008 the prices of Petrol and Diesel were reduced by Rs. 5/- per litre and Rs. 2/- per litre respectively. Again on 29.1.2009 the prices of Petrol and Diesel were decreased by Rs. 5/- per litre and Rs. 2/- per litre respectively (at Delhi), with corresponding reductions in the rest of the country.

(c) The maximum and minimum consumer sale prices of Petrol and Diesel (at Delhi) during the said period are given below:

	(in Rupees per litre)	
	Petrol	Diesel
Maximum	50.62	34.86
Minimum	40.62	30.86

Reduction in prices of ATF

†3286. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of Aviation Turbine Fuel have been reduced several times during the period of last one year till July 15, 2009;

(b) if so, on which occasion and the percentage of reduction; and

(c) the basic criteria fixed for reduction in the said prices?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.